

LANCASTER COUNTY JAIL
208 West Gay Street
Lancaster
Lancaster County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-605

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE South Carolina | COUNTY Lancaster | TOWN OR VICINITY Lancaster |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lancaster County Jail (NR Nomination) | | HABS NO. SC-605 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 208 West Gay Street | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1823 (NR Nomination) | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Robert Mills (NR Nomination) | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Significant as an example of Robert Mills' public buildings (particularly the construction of jails) in the first half of the nineteenth century; significant both for its architectural elements and its design. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Palladian | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stuccoed Granite Block | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; two½ story (original block 40 x 50 ft.) | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Recessed stone arches over first floor windows and doors; stone quoins and string courses; gable parapets, semielliptical gable recessment with inscription "A. D./1823". | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Brick vaulted ceiling. Downstairs hall runs length of building; cell doors are double-thickness with heavy planks. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 12 ft. x 40 ft. masonry addition in 1950s; fire in cellblock killed 11 inmates in December 1979; no longer used as jail after 1980. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good; municipal offices | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed in National Register 8/19/71 | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Nancy Pittenger, J. Tracy Power, SCDAP | | DATE 4/5/88 |

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